

**ALASKA INDUSTRY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
June 13, 2007**

The Alaska Industry Council met at the Alaska DOT/PF Building on June 13, 2007, at 8:00 a.m.

The following agenda items were presented:

Opening Remarks	Jere Hayslett
MOA/AIC Update	Karen Casanovas
Operations Update	Jim Hill
Technical Update	Walter Combs
Information Sharing	All
Industry Feedback (Round Table)	All

Information Sharing

Opening

Jere Hayslett opened the meeting from WA DC via telecom. Jere relayed that the SBS office is continuing with the stabilization of the SBS team in Alaska, and as the vacant positions are filled the names and contact numbers of those that have been hired will be posted to the Capstone website. Jere then went over the SBS current Acquisition schedule, noting the tasks and dates below.

Task:	Date / Status:
Release of Request for Offer (RFO)	Complete
Business and Technical Responses Due	June 4, 2007
Cost Proposals Due	June 20, 2007
RFO Evaluation Complete (Business, Technical and Cost)	July 5, 2007
RFO Final Report Completion	July 20, 2007
Final Report Approval	July 27, 2007
CIT Review	August 17, 2007
Executive Council Briefing	August 21, 2007
Joint Resource Council (JRC)	August 28, 2007
Contract Award	August 30, 2007

George Frushour asked "how does this national schedule impact the State of Alaska?" Jere answered that the critical part of this plan for Alaska is for the re-base lining of the JRC funding in 2007 and 2008, which is based on the approval of the AIC plan. Jim Ceiplak asked if the provisions in the AIC that outline the service volumes and installation plans in Alaska were going to be implemented under the SBS Office's national plan. Jere answered: "because the FAA has already committed to starting work from ANC-FAI and OTZ to OME, the FAA has a choice of an interim solution, which means that if Industry and the FAA are ready to begin work before the national plan is in place the Alaska work can begin before the national contract work or vice versa."

Rule Making Status – Jere Hayslett

The preliminary Team Concurrence of National Proposed Rule Making (NPRM), Economic Evaluation of NPRM and Final Team Concurrence (through Director level) of NPRM are all complete.

Associate Level Concurrence of NPRM is in process; the Associate Administrator for Aviation Standards (AVS-1) and the FAA Office of Aviation Policy Planning and Environment (AEP-1) have concurred.

FAA Office of the Chief Counsel (AGC-1) approval of NPRM is in process.

The Office of the administrator (ADA/AOA) Approval of NPRM is scheduled for 5/30/2007.

OST Approval of NPRM (given standard 30 days as indicated in the rulemaking manual) is scheduled for 6/29/2007.

The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval of NPRM (given standard 90 days as directed by Executive Order), is scheduled for 9/28/2007, with Issuance, no later than September 2007.

AIC/MOA Update – Karen

The AIC has been working to define the roles of responsibility to come up with policies that govern the AIC plan, as well as establishing the draft plan, which was the result of the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA), signed in FEB of 07. The AIC has held weekly meetings since February when the MOA was signed. The Site Implementation Committee has been working on the Airports, GBT's, IFR and VFR routes. The External Coordination Team has been working on getting additional members that would be interested in signing onto the MOA. The Avionics Equipage Team has been collecting relative data as it pertains to avionics and configuration. Just recently The Alaska Air Carriers Association sent out some data collection requests in an effort to get other information that is not published in the DOT reports. This action was an effort to get more accurate real time information that could be incorporated into the draft plan. 5.0v of the Draft Plan is posted on the Alaska Airmen's web site. The link is also posted on the Alaska Air Carriers web site. The final integration of comments and data to be added to the plan is due to the FAA by June 29, 2007. Ongoing action items include: looking at airports, obtaining letters of justification for airport upgrades and defining Service Volume Area's for GBT's. The External Coordination Committee is currently in the process of trying to get a meeting to brief the State Officials/DOT, State Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner, and let them know that the AIC would like to work in partnership with the State on the plan. Karen stated that she recently had the opportunity to talk to some of the Congressional Staff for the State of Alaska who are well aware of what the AIC is trying to accomplish and for the most part are in support of

it. The External Coordination team was also able to send a letter requesting funds during this year's State Legislative Session, and although they were not able to make much progress due to the late admission of the letter to this year's session, they will continue with these activities. Jim Ceiplak added that individual teams have not been meeting often enough and extended an invitation to a meeting at 1pm Wednesday June 13, 2007, at the UAA flight center, during which a high level overview of the plan will be discussed. Presentations will be given on Site Implementation, Avionics Equipage and Cost Benefits of the plan.

WAAS Update – JoAnn Ford

JoAnn briefed on the progress with respect to minimums at 200 ft. While it does not apply specifically to Alaska it does demonstrate that the FAA is making progress. All of the Safety Management documents and MITRE studies have been completed satisfactorily. There are 10 airports that have minimums to the 200 ft. level in the lower 48. It is still up in the Air as to whether these same minimums will be achievable in the State of Alaska, but every effort will be made to accomplish this. In respect to Airports in Alaska: **Alaskan Airports VFR – IFR Improvements**

- WAAS-directed surveys thru Airport Improvement Program (awaiting obstruction data from NGS – to be completed NLT Sept 1, 2007):
 - Galena (GAL) Rwy 7 & 25
 - Gustavus (GST) Rwy 29
 - Iliamna (ILI) RWY 17 & 35, Rwy 7 & 25
 - McGrath (MCG) Rwy 16
 - Saint Marys (KSM) Rwy 17 & 35
 - Sand Point (SDP) Rwy 13

Now it is just a matter of quality control that NGS themselves have to complete.

Alaskan Airports VFR – IFR Improvements

- **SBS Capstone survey initiative: Dec 2006/April 2007 Alaska RAPT approved list of 22 airports for surveys TBC NLT Sept 2007:**
- Birchwood, Brevig Mission, Central, Chuathbaluk, Circle City, Clarks Point, Eagle, Elim, Healy River, Hughes, Kasigluk, Koyukok, Kwethluk, Larsen Bay, Napakiak, **Quinhagak, Robert/Bob/Curtis/Noorvik, Shageluk, Shaktoolik, South Naknek NR 2, Tatetluk, White Mountain

The goal was for 15 LPV's to be completed by September of 07 and at this time 6 of the 15 have been completed. All of the Aerial Surveys that are required have been completed at 21 of the 22 airports. JoAnn went over the schedule of Airport Survey's to be completed in 07.

Successful LPV Flight Checks as of April 27, 2007

- Anchorage - Rwy 7L, 7R, 14
- Homer – Rwy 3, 21
- Emmonak – Rwy 16/24
- St. Michaels – Rwy 20

JoAnn ended her brief with the Alaska Flight Check results for the following airports:

- ANC Rwy 07L - 390' DA, 262' HAT RVR 24 (Vis 300-1/2)
- ANC Rwy 07R - 380' DA, 250' HAT RVR 24 (Vis 300-1/2)
- ANC Rwy 14 - 410' DA, 259' HAT RVR 40 (Vis 300-3/4)

- Awaiting publication 07/05/07 (minimums will be revisited at a later date, after SRMD is signed):
 HOM Rwy 3 - 333' DA, 255' HAT (Vis 300-1)
 HOM Rwy 21 - 386' DA, 302' HAT (Vis 400-1)

 EMM Rwy 16 - 263' DA, 250' HAT (Vis 300-1)
 EMM Rwy 34 - 263' DA, 250' HAT (Vis 300-1)

 SMK Rwy 20 - 333' DA, 250 HAT (Vis 300-1).

Operations Update- Jim Hill

Jim Hill briefed that the request for the approval of Separation Standards was forwarded to the Air Traffic Oversight Office (AOV) on 5/3/07 and was granted on 5/31/07. A press release concerning the approval of Separation Standards for the State of Alaska can be found at the Capstone web site. www.faa.gov/capstone

The next step will be to coordinate the approval to p.65 of the Instrument Flight Rules Manual (IFR), and to work with the Air Traffic Organization (ATO-E) to get procedures in place to move outside of the current box by August or September of 07.

However the procedures for SE will not be in place until September 08' due to the fact that there has never been radar or safety initiatives below 10,000 ft. in this area; this will be part of the future infrastructure planned for 2008 in SE, which will enable surveillance at the lower altitudes.

As for notification of outages for TIS-B/FIS-B services, Jim Wright is the point of contact for SE Alaska and can be contacted at: 907-957-1170. Jim Hill will be the contact for the YK Delta area. Jim Hill can be contacted at: (907) 269-2573.

Elmer Webster commented that the pilots he has spoken to have conveyed that the FIS-B services coming out of Anchorage since May have been very reliable but that they are wondering where the text services are. Many of them use and rely on this service so they want this information. Often times this is the only place they can get the METAR's. Jim Hill took an action to look into this matter.

Southeast Alaska Update – Jim Wright

At this time the Capstone Phase II installations are finished in Juneau. Installation on the Ward Air Otter that Cal Air now has in service near British Columbia is almost complete. 6.0 Bravo update: Aircraft certification will be completed in August of 07.

Working Group for Performance Based Navigation – Lari Beslisle

The working group for Performance Based Navigation will try to meet again on July 30, 2007. Larry Hawkins is doing the facilitation for the group and they are trying to gather more track data to support our position before the next meeting. . The first meeting was held May 30, 2007 with a proposed implementation of September 30, 2009.

Technical Update – Walter Combs

Walter explained that Site Summit is a certified and commissioned site, but at this time the TIS-B service the FAA is broadcasting from Site Summit is developmental and is NOT certified. This problem is being worked and Walter will furnish updates as they become available. Walter has been working with the AIC members to develop a statewide implementation plan and the FAA has been approved to work in certain Service Volumes Area's at this time. Deployment of Initial Service Volumes in July 2007 will be: Service Volume 6 ANC-FAI, Service Volume 11 OME and Service Volume 13 OTZ.

As for Southeast Phase II/Segment One: Ground Stations; Essential Services: Operator Flight Monitoring Services (OFMS), FIS-B and SAR, are scheduled for August 2007. OFMS Update: (NCP, Security, Circuit to John Hopkins University (JHU), Operators will be given the choice of having the CRABS display back and installed. Jim Wright will be traveling around the State ensuring those who want CRABS will have it installed and working correctly on their computers. TIS services were restored in the Anchorage Bowl May 5, 2007, with Critical Services due June 2008 (Dependent on MEARTS Mod). Wide Area Multilateration (WAM) is an FAA Owned and Maintained System. The initial Site Survey was Completed 4/6/07. Twenty one Engineering Site Surveys were completed in Juneau this year with Construction Installation to start in July 2007.

Round Table

Conclusion

The meeting was adjourned.